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Response to Restriction

Remarks

Claims 1-11, 26-27, and 31-40 are pending. Claims 31-40 have been added.

Support for Claims 31-33 is in original Claims 15-17. Support for Claims 34-38 is in Claim 29, and the specification at page 11, line 24 to page 12, line 12. Support for Claims 39-40 is in the original claims as filed, and the specification at page 6, lines 21-24, and page 7, lines 15-18. No new matter has been added with the addition of the new claims.

Claims 12-18, 20-21, and 28-30 have been cancelled in response to the restriction requirement, without prejudice to their future prosecution. Applicant reserves the right to file one or more divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

Claim fees. It is believed that no fee is due for the addition of new claims 31-40. Attached herewith is a fee sheet setting out the claims.

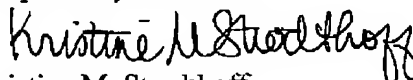
Extension of Term. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. If any extension and/or fee are required, please charge Account No. 23-2053.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned attorney if any questions should arise.

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